Austria	Brazil
Switzerland	Finland
Norway	Tunisia
Zimbabwe	Bulgaria
bangladesh	Greece
Peru	Iraq
Pakistan	Surinam
Puerto Rico	Iceland
Maldives	Libya
Honduras	Moldvia
Lithuania	Cambodia
Dominica	Malta
Seychelles	Uganda
Armenia	Namibia
El Salvador	Aruba
Ireland	Grenada
Chinese Taipei	Latvia
C AfriRep	Argentina
Ukraine	Eritrea
Burkina Faso	Lao PD RP
Ethiopia	Nepal
Mayanmar	Czech Republic
Mali	Kazakhstan
Sbvenia	Slovak Rep
Serbia & Montenegro	Nicaragua
Cyprus	Brunei
Portugal	Estonia
Poland	

Loss to Indian Industry due to Tsunami

4337. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the loss by Indian Industry due to Tsunami has been quantified;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to revamp the industry;

(c) whether Government has assessed the damage suffered by fishing industry due to Tsunami; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to meet the marine exports committed during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) The loss due to Tsunami that struck on December 26, 2004, goes beyond industrial loss, which includes damage to dwelling units, loss of lives, damage to cropped area, boats damaged and the fishing industry. The loss to the salt industry in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh has been estimated at Rs. 2.20 crore. Government has approved a special package of Rs. 2.51 crore for Tsunami affected saltworks of Tamil nadu and Andhra Pradesh.

(c) and (d) Approximately 68,000 traditional boats/mechanized boats; 2 lakh fishing nets; and 5700 hectares of aqua farms were lost/damaged by Tsunami. Apart from these, Tsunami had also rendered thousands of fishermen homeless. Government have been taking necessary steps to build up infrastructure facilities. Further, the Government through Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) have been implementing a number of schemes to boost the exports of marine products. These include schemes for extending financia! assistance to the seafood processing industry; steps to upgrade processing facilities to meet international standards of hygiene and quality; expansion of aquaculture; imparting training to aquaculture farmers to adopt sound management practices to prevent outbreak of diseases; assistance to produce value-added products for export; marketing support; etc. The Annual Supplement 2005 to the Foreign Trade Policy 2004-09 has also announced a package of measures to promote exports from the marine sector. These include duty free import of specified specialized inputs etc. to the extent of 1 % of FOB value of preceding financial year exports, import of monofilament long line system for tuna fishing at a Concessional rate of duty, etc.

India's share of exports in international trade

†4338. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.